(b) what amount of revenue is generally earned from Assam coal by the West Bengal Government; and

(c) whether Government of Assam also gets revenue from it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) Assam coal despatched by rail to steel plants is transhipped from metre gauge wagons to broad gauge wagons at Kamakhyaguri which is located in West Bengal. The Govt. of West Bengal does not get any revenue from this transhipment.

(c) Govt. of Assam is presently levying Assam Land Tax at the rate of Rs. one hundred per tonne of coal. It also levies Sales Tax on sale of coal within the State. In addition the State Govt. collects royalty on coal, the existing rate being Rs. six and paise fifty only per tonne of coal despatched.

Continuing of Gulf Surcharge

1032. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gulf surcharge was introduced by Government for meeting the cost of bringing the Indian citizens back home during the recent gulf war;

(b) if so, how long will this stay;

(c) whether the passengers brought back from gulf are required to pay their fare amount; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHA RAO SCINDIA): (a) In the wake of an all round increase in costs following the Gulf crisis, it became necessary to impose the Gulf surcharge.

(b) Discontinuance of the surcharge is not under consideration now.

(c) No fare was charged by Air India and Indian Airlines for evacuation of the Indian nationals from the Gulf region.

(d) Does not arise.

Production of LPG cylinders

1033. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal was received from Haldia procision Engineering Private Limited, Calcutta for commercial production of LPG cylinders;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the above company had successfully carried out the trial fabrication to the minute specifications of the Bureau of Indian Standards and Controller of Explosives;

(c) if so, whether Government have given clearance for commercial production of LPG cylinders to the above company and advised the Indian Oil Corporation to place orders with the company; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir, according to IOC.

(c) and (d) No advice has been given by the Government to the IOC in this regard. IOC places orders for new LPG cylinders as per policy.

Weighing of coal in Western Coal fields Collieries

1034. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the first week of the May, 1991, at Junnar Deo C. Railway on finding weigh bridge out of order 95 wagons were filled in and were abritrarily deemed to be weighed and when subsequently